

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1-42 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following groups of claims:

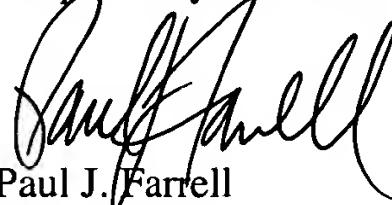
Group I: Claims 1-6, 15-17, 20, 21, 36, 38, 39, 41 and 42, classified in Class 370, Subclass 318; or

Group II: Claims 7-14, 18, 19, 22-35, 37 and 40, classified in Class 370, Subclass 329.

Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, Group I, i.e., Claims 1-6, 15-17, 20, 21, 36, 38, 39, 41 and 42, for examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below. Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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